



FREE - RANGER GUIDED HIKES AND PROGRAMS

August 1 through September 4, 2006

- 3:00 PM - Daily - Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) No programs - August 4 and August 5**
A reenactment of a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue. This program is designed especially for children of all ages and requires some audience participation. See how the National Lakeshore preserves some of its many historic buildings and tells their fascinating stories. Meet at the Maritime Museum west of Glen Haven Historic Village, off M-109.
- 4:00 PM - Daily - Glen Haven General Store - Ranger’s Choice - No programs - August 4 and August 5**
- 7:30 PM - Every Evening - Two Ranger Programs - See below for different activities on different days**

Recommended for all programs: Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes

Sunday

- 9:30 AM Especially for Kids (45 Minutes) D.H. Day Campground Log Cabin**
Hey kids...bring your adult(s) and join a ranger for an adventure in fun.
Meet the ranger at the log cabin.
- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 4:00 PM The Flying Wildflowers (1 Hour) Crouch Farm**
Have fun learning not only how to identify butterflies, but also where they live, what they eat, and how they transform from caterpillars. Binoculars provided. Cameras and long pants are recommended. Follow M-22 south of the Visitor Center in Empire (approx. 1.8 miles) to Norconk Rd.; travel west to the 90-degree curve and park on the shoulder of the road across from the red barn. The program begins at the red barn on the Crouch Farm.
- 7:30 PM An Eagle’s Eye View of the Manitou Passage (1½ Hours) Bay View Trail (Round-trip - 2 miles)**
Join a ranger on a leisurely hike through forest, grassland, and old farm land for a bird’s-eye-view of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. After the hike, you’re invited to stay and enjoy the panoramic view of a Lake Michigan sunset or return to the trailhead with the ranger. (Flashlight and bug spray recommended)
- 7:30 PM A Spider’s Tale (1/2 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
You may not like them, but you don’t have to fear them. Get acquainted with the most feared of all, the Northern Black Widow.


Monday

- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 4:00 PM Busy as a Beaver (1 Hour) Trails End (Round-trip - Approximately 2 miles)**
Explore the shoreline in search of nature’s industrious lumberjack. Hike with a ranger, visit a beaver lodge and perhaps see this furry engineer.
(Binoculars provided. Long pants and insect repellent recommended.)
Take M-22 to the pair of 30-mph curves, 5½ miles south of Empire, 4 miles north of Platte River. Meet at the Platte Plains trailhead parking lot at the west end of Trails End Rd.
- 7:30 PM Naturally, Nature (1 Hour) Empire Bluff Trail (Round-trip - 1.5 miles)**
Birds, butterflies, and blossoms; see these and a whole lot more during a leisurely hike to the top of Empire Bluff. After the hike, you’re invited to stay and enjoy the panoramic view of a Lake Michigan sunset or return to the trailhead with the ranger. (Flashlight and bug spray recommended)
- 7:30 PM Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales (1 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
A hands-on program about some of the animals, birds, and fish that make Sleeping Bear Dunes their home.

Tuesday

- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 7:30 PM Night Flyer (1 Hour) Port Oneida**
Feared and misunderstood, bat species have been given a bum rap for centuries. Learn some interesting facts about this creature of the night. Meet at the Port Oneida School near the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road, then we will car caravan to the night fliers’ home.
- 7:30 PM The Story of the Sand Dunes (45 minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
From Native American legend to the latest scientific research, the ranger will tell a fascinating story of the world’s largest collection of freshwater sand dunes.

NOTE: Parking for Platte River Campground programs is in the lot next to the ranger station. Parking for D.H. Day Campground programs is by the log cabin at the rear of the campground. (Both facilities are handicapped accessible.)

 **Listening Systems** are available for the hearing impaired. Call the Visitor Center (326-5135 ext. 328) for reservations.

Some of these and other park visitor services are made possible through the entrance fees charged under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Wednesday

3:00 PM
4:00 PM

Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See [Daily](#) description)
Splendor in the Grass (1.5 Hr) Platte River Campground Office
There’s more than meets the eye in the beach grass. Take a leisurely hike from a beach over a dune to see what lives, grows, and wanders on, in, before and behind it. You may be surprised at what you find. We guarantee beauty, elegance, and splendor in the grass. Meet the ranger at the Platte River Campground Office and we’ll car caravan from there.

7:30 PM

The Whole Point of Sleeping Bear Dunes (1 ½ Hrs) Sleeping Bear Point Trailhead
(Round trip - Approximately 2 miles)
If you only hike one trail while you are here, this is the one. No other trail epitomizes the Sleeping Bear Dunes area better. The trail includes, shifting dunes, dune plants, ghost forest, shipwrecks, fantastic views of Lake Michigan and the Manitou islands and much more. Just a mildly strenuous little dune to climb then a leisurely hike. Meet at the Sleeping Bear Point trailhead 1/2 mile west of the Maritime Museum.

7:30 PM

Shipwreck! (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Take an imaginary voyage on an old lumber schooner. You’ll sail into a storm, climb the masts, meet danger head on, then experience a rescue. Discover what it took to be a real hero of yesteryear.

Thursday

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Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See [Daily](#) description)
Lyle Gun Firing Demonstration (1/2 Hour) Maritime Museum
Watch a firing of the Lyle line-throwing cannon; the type that was used by the U.S. Life-Saving Service and U.S. Coast Guard for more than 75 years to rescue thousands of shipwreck victims. Meet on the Lake Michigan beach at the Maritime Museum, following the 3:00 “Heroes of the Storm”.

4:00 PM

Daytime Coyote Howl (1 Hour) Glen Haven Blacksmith Shop
Will coyotes answer us at 4 PM? Let’s find out in this first ever daytime howl. We’ll make tracks, look for scat, and listen to some of their howls. Then we’ll howl and see what happens. Meet the ranger outside the blacksmith shop at Glen Haven.

7:30 PM

Wait, Wait... Don’t Tell Me! (45 Minutes) D. H. Day Amphitheater
In thirty short minutes we’ll explore Sleeping Bear Dunes through stories, pictures, limericks, and a few bird songs. Learn some stuff you never knew; have some fun, and then we’re through.

7:30 PM

Fear Factor (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Urban legends of Lakeshore dangers, come and get the rest of the story!

Friday

3:00 PM

No programs Friday, Aug. 4 - See you at the Port Oneida Fair!
Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum.(See [Daily](#) description)

7:30 PM

Stories of Stars (45 Minutes) D. H. Day Amphitheater
Let the stars be in all of our futures. Get to know the night sky by learning to use a star chart. (Don’t forget bug repellent, flashlights, and blankets). Discussion of locations, legends, and the latest information will begin at the D. H. Day Amphitheater and will finish in time for sunset.

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Saturday

9:30 AM

No programs Saturday, Aug. 5 - See you at the Port Oneida Fair!
Especially for Kids (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Hey kids...bring your adult(s) and join a ranger for an adventure in fun.

1:00 PM

Saturdays at the Lakeshore (2 Hours) Visitor Center
Every week is different: Different subject, different walk, different trail, different ranger. What a variety! Ask at the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center in Empire to find out what this week’s special will be.

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Historical Port Oneida - A 19th Century Treasure (1 Hour) Port Oneida
Barns, farms and orchards are waiting to be rediscovered. Hike approximately 1.5 miles through the heart of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District and discover its cultural and natural history. Meet at the Port Oneida School near the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road, then we will car caravan to Miller Road to begin our hike.

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Special Events			
August 4 & 5, 2005	<u>Port Oneida Fair</u>	(M-22 and Port Oneida Rd.)	
		Friday	10 AM to 5 PM Port Oneida Rural Historic District
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August 23, 2005	<u>U.S. Life-Saving Service Festival</u>		
Wednesday		10 am to 5 pm	Sleeping Bear Point Maritime Museum